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**AGENDA**

December 5, 2002  
8:30 AM  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from October meeting (10/02/2002)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

- Review of By-Laws
- Report on SERC Conference
- Report on the Health Care Response Network
- Report on Lake Sanchris Dam Exercise
- Other

New Business

- Report on CWLP Facilities Questionnaire
- Homeland Security Threat Condition Advisories
- Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting
- Other

Next meeting: February 6, 2003

Motion to adjourn

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## Minutes of the Sangamon County LEPC Meeting - December 5, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: P.J. Becker, City Water, Light and Power (CWLP); David Butt, Sangamon County ESDA; Anne Dorman, Illinois Emergency Management Agency; Dave Farris, City Water, Light & Power; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (retired); Bryon Honea, Illinois State Police; Carol Hopkins, Springfield Department of Public Health; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue; Anu Singh, Kincaid Generation; Kevin Switzer, Springfield Fire Department.

David Butt advised members that a copy of the meeting agenda and minutes of the previous meeting had been emailed to members. A motion was made by Matt Helms, seconded by Anu Singh to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2002, meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Review of By-Laws

Review of the By-Laws is important in order to remember who we are and our purpose in the community. The LEPC meets every second month. The December meeting is the second for the new Fiscal Year. The Agenda includes items not directly related to LEPC but help the community.

Since the last meeting the State SERC convention has taken place. Anne Dorman presented at the convention. A four-hour introduction was provided to the CAMEO Program. This is a program that LEPCs can use to keep track of chemical facilities and provides information on what is in a facility. You can map locations and include special requirements. Information was also provided on ALOHA to model a release. Information was obtained from 2000 census information. It is planning software and can be used as response software. The highlight of the conference was the main presenter, a former Battalion Chief from Baltimore, Buzz Melton, who now resides in Wyoming, Illinois. FMC Chemicals has a production plant in the area and he is a chemical consultant for them. Buzz Melton spoke of an event in Baltimore, Maryland. He provided important safety information. He was there with information on use of protective equipment for handling some chemicals. The hot zone may not be nearly as big as is believed. In a situation involving a major evacuation in Springfield, consideration must be given to the likelihood of injuries to people in the area. Planning for sheltering in place is important to the process.

## New Tier II Submission Program

The new Tier II Submission Program will allow information to be put into Tier II Submit and it can be imported into Cameo. Tier II will be put on CDs and sent out to everyone.

Facilities who want the information from 2001 can also request that it be put on a CD and sent to them. One advantage is that the information will be updated. Training is being offered on Tier II Submit. David Butt advised that he receives hard copies of Tier II reports. LEPC can get electronic copies of the reports if they want them that way. Reports can be submitted electronically but a signature must be on file. Once the information is sent the data can be saved and used the following year.

## HCRN Report

No report at this time.

## Report from Sangchris Dam Exercise

Kincaid had a requirement for the exercise. Anu Singh looked to the LEPC regarding the exercise. Local responders and fire departments were invited. An IEMA representative was also there. The 2-½ hour exercise went well. Important issues were uncovered as a result of the exercise that can be included in the emergency action plan for the team. Sangamon County is developing a GIS System that will help to identify who is in the area. With this new GIS system you can actually see who is impacted.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Report on CWLP Facilities Questionnaire

CWLP identified 4 or 5 chemicals that they have on site that were included on the questionnaire. P. J. Becker completed the CWLP Facilities Questionnaire and provided information on how it was done. The template sent by Anne Dorman was used, adding a few things. The recommendation that a worst-case scenario be done was used. The questionnaire can be emailed to the Springfield Fire Department. The Fire Department needs the information on the site so it can possibly get to feel more comfortable in an emergency. Chlorine has been present at the facility forever. The ammonia will be on site at the end of February. The Fire Department needs to feel comfortable with anything that is present at the facility. The Springfield Fire Department needs to know what equipment and safeguards are in place. A release must be brought down in a certain way. There is equipment in place to allow people to stay in the area. Breathing air systems are in place. The heavy use of ammonia will be from May through September. This is a 60-70 million dollar project. Trucks making deliveries will be coming from the South on I-55 or from the North. David Butt requested that he be provided with this information. CWLP agreed to keep David Butt informed.

Anu Singh reported that his facility will be using liquid ammonia and converting it in the process.

David Butt reported on the Homeland Security Threat Advisory system. A document from the Illinois State Terrorism Task Force, advised that he has an obligation to develop a County Plan. This plan would involve getting the information out on what activities should be taking place. A system has been put together that is a 3-phase plan. The 911 Center will be the point of contact. The 911 Center will be notified by the LEADS system of law enforcement. The Coordinator for Hometown Security will be contacted. The 911 Center will put out a series of pages to the volunteer fire departments in Sangamon County. A tone will be received and a message will be sent. By sending out the message 4 times all fire departments will have the message. The fire departments will have the information and will need to take the proper steps and contact the village(s) in their local areas. In this way Mayors in each village will be provided with the information. Areas like Southern View, Leland Grove, Jerome and Grandview will be contacted by Bill Russell. Through Bill Russell, we will be contacting Formosa Plastics and two main hospitals as key facilities involved with the LEPC. SFD and CWLP will be get the information from Jim Cimarossa.

Notifications, incidents and other filings since the last meeting

Formosa Plastics reported a chloride release and the proper reporting was done. It was a couple of days before they knew of the release, which was less than 5 pounds. The time between the release and reporting the release may be a concern. The LEPC would like to meet with Formosa Plastics and discuss having a representative attend the LEPC meetings. The Springfield Fire Department has not had contact with Formosa Plastics since Formosa took over.

Anu Singh reported on a release at Dominion. It was a Federal nonpermanent continuous release. There are controls in place. There is nothing that can be done about such a release; it has always been going on. It is not considered a real release. It is a part of the process of burning coal.

The next meeting of the Sangamon county LEPC is scheduled for February 6, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.